Safety Measures in Mines

3653. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether around 60 lakh tonnes of coal extracted from mines of Maharashtra is exported to Bangladesh;

(b) if so, the annual revenue earnings therefrom;

(c) whether safety gadgets have been installed in all the coal mines in Maharashtra for the help of workers in case of accidents;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the names of the mines in which safety gadgets have not been installed till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to part (a) above.

(c) and (d) Safety gadgets like main mechanical ventilators, detectors for inflammable and Noxious gases, fire fighting equipment, telephonic communication, self rescuers, personal protective equipment to workers, flame proof and intrisically safe electrical equipment etc., have been provided in all the mines. First aid stations and dispensaries both underground and on surface are maintained for immediate medical attention. Emergency organisation for dealing with emergencies exist in all the mines. Services of rescue stations/rooms are also available as per the statutory provisions for rescue and recovery works.

(e) Does not arise in view of reply given to parts (c) & (d) above.

Development of Marine Products by MPEDA

3654. SHRI XAVIER ARAKAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) is interested with the development of marine production and export; and

(b) if so, how for the MPEDA encouraged the export, research and development of marine products during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) As per the Section 9 of Marine Products Export Development Authority (MPEDA) Act, 1972, the Authority is required to promote the development of the marine products industry and take appropriate measures, with special reference to exports.

(b) For the purpose of encouraging the export, research and development of marine products, during the last three years, MPEDA has been implementing four major Plan Schemes. The expenditure incurred by MPEDA on these schemes as a whole and on components of the major schemes, where there has been significant expenditure, is given below :—

Source : MPEDA

Value : Rs. lakhs

S.No.	Name of the major scheme	Total Expenditure		
		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Export Production Capture Fisheries	219.32	215.55	259.37
2.	Export Production-Culture Fisheries	335.55	287.84	524.32
3.	Induction of New Technology & Modernisation of Processing Facilities	184.63	165.39	170.27
4.	Market Promotion	239.12	219.27	230.48
	Total	976.62	888.05	1,184.44

Major Schemes	Components of some of major schemes with significant expenditure		1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1	2		3	4	5
Export Production-Capture Fisheries	i)	Monitoring & price reimbursement on HSD consumed by export oriented deep sea fishing vessels	150.00	206.60	200.00
	ii)	Equity Participation scheme	50.00	—	50.00
	iii)	Appraisal and Investment Division	7.48	7.35	7.80
	iv)	Assistance for diversified fishing	9.95	1.01	0.79
Export Production-Culture Fisheries					
	i)	Strengthening of prawn farming offices	108.40	110.88	110.38
	ii)	Promotion of commercial hatcheries for seed production	70.63	59.00	80.50
	iii)	Development of new farm and increasing production from traditional farms	124.46	94.71	118.47
	iv)	Promotion & technology transfer	25.17	20.74	211.32
	v)	Training of SC/ST communities in aquaculture	4.89	2.51	3.65
Induction of New Technology & Modernisation of processing Facilities.	i)	Product development for export	10.75	8.80	5.23
	ii)	Modernisation of seafood industry	132.53	72.06	95.99
	iii)	Quality Control Lab at Kochi & Veraval	15.81	16.56	17.94
	iii)	Quality upgradation scheme	21.61	50.78	43.05
	iv)	Scheme for upgrading seafood units to meet EEC criteria	0.06	10.19	8.06
Market Promotion					
	i)	Overseas Market Promotion	22.82	23.03	29.36
	ii)	Participation in Trade Fairs & Exhibitions, Seminars & Public Relations	48.07	34.88	62.70

1	2	3	4	5
iii)	Overseas Trade Promotion Offices	149.00	143.36	118.43
iv)	Contribution to INFOFISH, Kuala Lumpur	7.89	7.90	8.84
v)	Trade Promotion Office at New Delhi.	11.34	10.10	11.15

The value realised for the export of marine products during the years 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 has been Rs. 2503.62 crores, Rs. 3575.27 crores and Rs. 3501.11 crores respectively.

[Translation]

Tobacco and Cigaratte Manufacturing Units

3655. SHRI NIHAL CHAND CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the number of tobacco and cigarette manufacturing units set-up in the country during the last two years;

(b) whether the Government propose to allow to set-up more such units in near future;

(c) the number of manufacturers apprehended for illegal production during the above period; and

(d) the action taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Six units have been granted Letters of Intent for the manufacture of Cigarettes from 1994-95 to 1996-97 up-to-date. None of these units has so far reported commencement of commercial production. In addition, as a result of technological upgradation one of the existing units has got endorsement for enhancement of capacity for the manufacture of Cigarettes in 1994.

(b) Manufacture of Cigarettes attracts compulsory licensing under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act and applications received for industrial licences are considered on merits as per the policy in force.

(c) No complaints about illegal production of Cigarettes have been received in this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

[English]

Bank Loans

3656. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total amount of outstanding loans in each Bank as on March 31, 1996 which has not been recovered for more than 5 years; and

(b) the steps taken by the Banks in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) The Reserve Bank of India has reported that their data-reporting system does not generate information in the manner asked for. The bank-wise position of non-performing assets of public sector banks as on 31.3.1996 is given in the enclosed statement.

(b) The introduction of prudential norms in 1992 has brought about greater awareness among banks of credit risk and there have been conscious attempts on the part of banks to keep their Non-Performing Advances at the minimum. Banks have evolved loan recovery policies and set up Recovery Cells at their Headquarters. The setting up of Debt Recovery Tribunals in the last couple of years is also expected to help banks in expeditious recovery of their dues.